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**Present Application:**

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Title : IDENTIFICATION OF THE GENE CAUSING THE MOUSE  
SCURFY PHENOTYPE AND ITS HUMAN ORTHOLOG  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents:

Prior to examining the present application, Applicants respectfully request entry  
of the following amendments to the specification and claims.

**In the Specification:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

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